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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Special Education - Extending Age of Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the time through which a child is eligible for special
4 education and related services to the end of the school year in which the child
5 turns 21 years of age; and requiring special education and related services
6 regulations of the State Board of Education to cover a child through the end of
7 the school year in which the child turns 21 years of age.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Education
10 Section 8-403 and 8-404(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 8-403.

17 (a) The State and each local school system shall make a free appropriate
18 public education available to each child with a disability, as provided by this subtitle.

19 (b) Appropriate special education and related services are available to a child
20 with a disability from birth through [age 20] THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN
21 WHICH THE CHILD TURNS 21 YEARS OF AGE.

22 8-404.

23 (a) The State Board shall adopt, as regulations, standards for the
24 identification, evaluation, educational placement, and the provision of a free
25 appropriate public education of each child in this State who [is under] HAS BEGUN
26 THE SCHOOL YEAR ON OR BEFORE the age of 21 and is found to need special
27 education and related services, whether or not the child is receiving nonduplicative
28 services from another governmental agency.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2000.